on November 14, 1998. The administrative Ministry sought extension of tenure upto November 14, 1999 on the ground for stablishing the significant changes brought out by him in the functioning of the Port Trust.

(ii) The Present Chairman, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Kochi under the Ministry of Commerce completed his tenure on 2.12.1998 and the administrative Ministry has sought extension upto 31.12.1998 in view of administrative exigencies.

(iii) The Chief Vigilance Officer in Vayudoot Limited, now M/s Aiiiance Air Limited has completed five years term on November 3, 1997. However, he has been granted extension in tenure upto May 3, 1999 on the compassionate ground of the son of the incumbent who is suffering from Thalassemia major.

(iv) A senior officer who was appointed as Secretary General World Wide Fund for Nature-India, a non government organisation for 5 years *w.e.f.* 1.6.1993. However, on request from the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), his term has been extended upto 30.6.2000, *i.e.* the date of his superannuation, keeping in view the requirements of the organisation.

(v) As regards Indian Police Service is concerned, 'nil' information has been reported. However, it has been reported that with the approval of the competent authority, four officers of Indian Forest Service have been granted extension in their deputation in various institutions financially supported by the Central . Government.

Remark of Supreme Court on Central Vigilance Commissioner's appointment

1355. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the remarks of Supreme Court on Vigilance Commissioner's appointment; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEAL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING. REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHA-NAN): (a) and (b) The Central Vigilance Commission Ordinace, 1998 was promul-gated by the Government on August 25, 1998. Subsequently, the amicus curiae filed certain written objections in Civil Writ Petition No. 38/97 in the Supreme Court objecting to certain provisions of this Ordinance which were considered by the Government and certain amendments were made to the Central Vigilance Commission Ordinance, 1998 by issuing the Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Ordinance 1998 on October 27, 1998. The Supreme Court while hearing the matter on October 28, 1998 took note of the amendments and dismissed the objections raised earlier.

Overdues against Plan and Non-Plan Loan

1356. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) state-wise overdues against plan and non-plan loan together with interest accrued against each State/Union Ter-ritories till 1997-98 and steps taken to recover;

(b) names of States/Union Territories facing financial crunch and unable to repay central loan or share the matching grant centrally sponsored schemes;, and